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Children's Day at Women's Prison Helps Mothers Bond With Their Teenagers

**Saturday, July 17th event at Md. Correctional Institution for Women
In Jessup**

Towson, MD (July 15, 2004)—The often difficult teen years can be made even more challenging when Mom is away---behind bars. On Saturday, July 17th, the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women will host a special day just for teens ages 13-17. The event will feature games, crafts, and other bonding activities, as well as important information on health issues and alternatives to violence, and the chance for the teens to learn how to write journals and set goals for their lives.

More than 125 children, 80 inmates, and 15 volunteers will participate in this special day, which also includes lunch and a variety of other activities located at "stations" located throughout the prison gymnasium.

MCI-W is the state's only women's prison. It houses 901 women in all security levels. Many of the inmates are mothers and grandmothers who are anxious to strengthen---or renew--- bonds with their children and grandchildren. The prison has a very strong Volunteer Activities office which promotes many programs designed to educate the inmates and prepare them for responsible lives "on the outside."

WHEN: Saturday, July 17TH from noon- 4 p.m.

**WHERE: MD. Correctional Institution for Women
7943 Brock Bridge Road, just off Md. route 175 near the B-W
Parkway in Jessup**

**NOTE: Media should call in advance. Cell phones, tobacco, weapons
prohibited.**

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